

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF IRVINGTON, NEW YORK HELD ON MONDAY JULY 17, 1995 8:00 P.M. VILLAGE HALL, 85 MAIN STREET, IRVINGTON, NEW YORK.

Present: Dennis P. Flood, Mayor
Garrard R. Beeney, Trustee
Sheila M. Attai, Trustee
James McNiff, Trustee
Robert H. Pouch, Trustee
Stephen A. McCabe, Administrator
Lawrence S. Schopfer, Clerk-Treasurer
Robert M. Bauer, Superintendent of Public Works
Eugene Hughey, Building Inspector

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Flood who led the attendance in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Flood opened the floor to public comment on matters not contained on the agenda. There were no comments.

Mayor Flood indicated that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board held on June 19, 1995 had not been prepared and would be approved at the next regular meeting in August.

Mayor Flood read a letter from Tom Low regarding the use of leaf blowers. Mayor Flood indicated that Rye has implemented a restrictive leaf blower law and the Village would take a look at it. A copy of this correspondence is attached hereto as a part of these minutes.

Mayor Flood announced 3 public hearings to be held at the regular meeting of the Board on August 21, 1995. The first amends the official zoning map which corrects a few mistakes. Brenda Livingston suggested that this amendment be shown to the Planning Board. The second adjusts the fines imposed for parking violations. The third increases fees to be charged for filming permits.

Mayor Flood indicated that the agenda item regarding approval of the Prisoners Transportation Reimbursement Agreement was no longer necessary because this approval had been done in March 1995.

Mayor Flood announced that 7 bids had been received for the reconstruction of the Harriman Road sidewalks. Supt. of Public Works Bob Bauer recommended awarding the project to the low bidder, Rosann Land, Inc of Larchmont, New York. Trustee Attai made such a motion. The motion was seconded by Trustee McNiff and unanimously approved.

Mayor Flood announced that 1 bid had been received for the purchase of a utility vehicle. Bob Bauer recommended awarding the contract to the low bid, Willow Motors of Port Chester, New York. Trustee Attai made a motion to award the contract as recommended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beeney and unanimously approved.

Mayor Flood allowed Desmond Lyons, representative of Legend Laundry, to speak on their behalf. Mr. Lyons indicated that his client submitted a request for a hawking/peddling permit 1 year ago and it was denied because of public safety concerns, especially evening traffic. At that time, he claimed that the Chief would be open to a trial period. In his client's new request for a permit, collection of laundry would be done in the morning and deliveries directly to homes would be made in the evening. For this reason, they believe that they have met the safety concerns. The Board expressed its concerns about traffic congestion created by customers driving up and stopping at Legend's vehicle to drop off laundry. Mr. Lyons indicated that his client would agree not to allow customers to drive up.

Trustee Attai described the activities of the Water Department, including painting and a repair to a broken main. The Building Department issued 2 CO's. Mayor Flood noted that there have been tremendous delays in the construction of the Catskill water connection. Administrator Steve McCabe indicated that bids on the project are expected to be received by July 31st. Mayor Flood instructed Mr. McCabe to contact Paul Feiner after July 31st if there is no progress on this project.

Trustee McNiff announced that fireworks would be displayed on September 9th which corresponds to the 50th anniversary of Matthiessen Park. He also announced the Westchester County fire parade to be held September 15th and 16th. There is a large committee working on this event.

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Trustee Pouch reported that water department foreman Joe Slavin has been giving lectures on water conservation at the local schools. Other department of public activities are routine, including sidewalk repair and line painting.

Trustee Beeney congratulated Earl Ferguson on the birth of his baby. On the litigation front, the Village has filed a motion for summary judgment with respect to the litigation with National Casualty and legal fee recovery. Also, Fieldpoint has filed a lawsuit alleging the Village's negligence in approving plans for the original construction of the Fieldpoint development. Regarding the waterfront, the Village has enlisted the services of Peter Eschwiller to help evaluate where the Village has been and needs to go. His fees will be paid by the Hudson River Association.

Mayor Flood gave a brief synopsis of the Stone Church Housing project. He indicated that Future Home of Westchester, Inc. had been designated lead candidate and a development agreement is expected by the Fall. By the Spring, funding is expected to be in place with construction to be completed by the Summer of 1996. Brenda Livingston indicated that Mr. Dinan submitted a check for \$7,000 relating to the subdivision of his property for this project. She questioned why this was assessed. Mayor Flood indicated that there is no room in the law to change this assessment. Ms. Livingston suggested that the law be changed.

William Irwin asked what the status of the Memorial Park field house was. Mayor Flood noted that the Village had recently bid the construction of the field house and received bids well in excess of the \$80,000 target range. The low bid was approximately \$217,000. As a result, the Board is looking at alternatives for this site. The Fire Department would probably use the existing structure for training and then it would be demolished after that.

Earl Ferguson indicated that he had spoken to Steve McCabe and indicated that he would like to personally review the bids received. He suggested that he may be able to change the design somewhat to arrive at the target cost range.

Trustee Pouch noted that the pavement cracks on Broadway appear to have gotten worse. He asked Bob Bauer to contact the state to repair the surface. Mr. Bauer indicated that originally the surface was scheduled for complete replacement, however, given that no movement has been made in this area, he would request a repair crew.

Steve McCabe announced that he received a notice that the Irvington Planning Board determined that there would be a significant environmental impact from the proposed Westwood development. Also, the Village would be cleaning the monuments located at the North end of Broadway.

Trustee Pouch made a motion to approve the July bills subject to audit. Trustee Attai seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Trustee Attai made a motion for the Board to adjourn to executive session to take up litigation and personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Trustee Pouch and unanimously approved.

Upon reconvening from executive session, the following salary modification was approved effective June 1, 1995:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>6/1/95 Salary</u>	<u>6/1/95 (adj.)Salary</u>
Mary Ruffler	30,614	31,226

Also, approval was given for the hiring of a summer part-time employee, Ryan Slavin, at a rate of \$5.00 per hour.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.

Lawrence S. Schopfer, Clerk-Treasurer

Attachments